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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR
MARITIME AFFAIRS, ROBERT J. BLACKWELL

REF: (A) TEHRAN 5182, (B) STATE 140403

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL WITH MOASSER DEPUTY, SOURESAFIL, WHO INDICATED THAT ARYA HAS NOT ISSUED INVITATION TO BLACKWELL TO VISIT IRAN. HE ASSERTED THAT ARYA, AS A QUASI PRIVATE SECTOR OPERATION, WAS NOT AT THIS TIME IN A POSITION TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO ASST. SEC. BLACKWELL WITH ATTNEEDANT FORMALITIES, PROTOCOL, AND INVOLVEMENT OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. SOURESAFIL STATED, HOWEVER, THAT MOASSER WAS VERY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST SHOULD HE COME TO IRAN.

2. IT IS LIKELY THAT CHIEF TOPIC OF INTEREST TO MOASSER IS POSSIBILITY OF EQUAL ACCESS OR CARGO POOLING ARRANGMENTS BETWEEN U.S. SHIPPING COMPANIES AND ARYA, WHICH, AS DEPT. AWARE, WATERMAN LINES HAS BEEN WORKING ON WITH ARYA.

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3. LETTER TO AMBASSADOR AS YET UNANSWERED (REF TEHRAN TEL). IF BLACKWELL SHOULD ELECT TO VISIT TEHRAN, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED THAT COORDINATED POSITION ON POSSIBLE POOLING ARRANGMENTS HAS BEEN REACHED AMONG COMMERCE, STATE AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES.
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